

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/830,193

Examiner

Ehud Gartenberg

Applicant(s)

IYA ET AL.

Art Unit

3746

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed through 7/12/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 18, 25-29, 31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Guy Gosnell on 8/8/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 11, 17, 19-24, 30, 32-37 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

On l. 1 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On l. 3 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On l. 13 of the claim, "engine." Has been changed to

-- engine;

and further comprising a transducer disposed in the heat exchanger between the flow of the fluid and flow of the fuel, the transducer configured to convert thermal energy from the fluid directly into electricity.--

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

On l. 1 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On I. 3 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On I. 14 of the claim, "engine." Has been changed to

-- engine;

and further comprising a transducer disposed in the heat exchanger and configured to be heated by the nozzle's transferred thermal energy and convert said transferred thermal energy from the nozzle directly into electricity.--

Claim 25 has been amended as follows:

On I. 1 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On I. 3 of the claim, "an engine" has been changed to -- a gas-turbine engine --;

On II. 9-10, "at least one of the air and" has been deleted.

On I. 11 of the claim, "engine." Has been changed to

-- engine;

and further comprising heating a transducer with the nozzle's transferred thermal energy and converting said transferred thermal energy directly into electricity.--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-12, 12-16, 18, 25-29, 31 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: note that the transducer is of the kind disclosed in paragraph 0036 of the description, and it excludes devices converting steam energy and/or shaft power into electricity.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

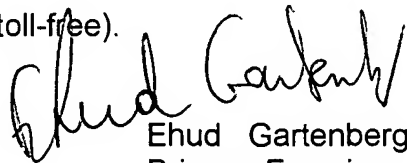
Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Balepin 6769242, Grieb 5272870, Dixon 5363641, Dressler 6052987, Orlando 6250061.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg whose telephone number is 571 272 4828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Thorpe can be reached on 571 272 4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


Ehud Gartenberg
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3746